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(57) Abstract: Disclosed is a Hepatitis C virus (HCV) vaccine comprising at least two epitopes, each from a different hotspot epitope, wherein a hotspot epitope is defined as an epitope containing peptide selected from the group consisting of KFPGGQIVGVYLLPRRGPRGLVRATRK, GYKVLVLPNSVAAT, AYAAQGYKVLVLPNSVAAT, DLMGYIP(AL)VGAPL, GEVQVVS-TATQSFLATCINGVCWTW, HMWNFISGIQYLAGLSTLPGNPA, VDYPYRLWHYPCT(VI)N(F/Y)TIFK(VI)RMYVG-GVEHRL, AAWEYELTPAETTVRLR, GQGWRLLAPITAYSQQTRGLLGCIV, IGLGKVLVDILAGYGAGVAGALVAFK, FTDNSSPPAVPQTQV, LEDRDRSELSPLLSTTEW, YLVAYQATVCARAQAPPSWD, MSTNPKPQRKTKRNTNR, LINTNGSWHINRTALNCNDL, TTILGIGTVLDQAET, FDS(S/V)VLCECYDAG(A/C)AWYE, ARLIVFPDLGVRVCEKMALY, AFCSAMYVGDLCSV, GVLFGLAYFSMVGNW, VVCCSMSYTWTGALITPC, TRVPYFVRAQGLIRA and TTLLFNILGGWVAAQ.